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Whereas, CDR Flannery's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal and other personal, campaign, and service ribbons.

Proclaimed, that as CDR Flannery embarks on a new chapter in life, it is my hope that he may recall, with a deep sense of pride and accomplishment, the outstanding contributions he has made to the United States Navy. I would like to send him my best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

#### NATIONAL MOBILITY AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that Congress recognize May as National Mobility Awareness Month. Millions of Americans across all age groups—six million of whom are veterans that have served our country—have had their mobility impacted due to an injury or a medical diagnosis. Unfortunately, Americans with physical disabilities report experiences of inadequate transportation and mobility options as a major challenge in their daily lives.

This May, the National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association—an association of automotive mobility professionals dedicated to improving the quality and safety of accessible transportation solutions—is celebrating the 11th National Mobility Awareness Month to increase public awareness of automotive mobility transportation issues and highlight solutions to illustrate that people with disabilities can live active and mobile lifestyles.

Customized auto mobility solutions change lives and allow people with disabilities to pursue and maintain meaningful employment, participate in the activities of daily life, improve their physical and mental health, and enjoy the freedom of the open road. Accessible transportation solutions are truly life-changing, and raising awareness is critical because Americans with disabilities should know about the accessible and adaptive transportation solutions that support a healthy, fulfilling, mobile lifestyle. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and supporting National Mobility Awareness Month.

#### CELEBRATING THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 58th anniversary of

Head Start, a program launched in 1965 as a comprehensive, anti-poverty, child development program. The program President Johnson envisioned as an eight-week summer program for a few thousand children has since served over 37 million children and their families.

For 58 years, Head Start has promoted school readiness for children in economically disadvantaged families, those families suffering from homelessness, and children in the foster care system by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. Head Start offers programs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories, including programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and in migrant and seasonal communities.

Head Start serves nearly 43,000 children and their families in Florida alone. Over the past year in my state, almost 33,000 children have been kept up-to-date on health screenings, over 19,000 children have received preventative dental care, and over 32,000 families have received support services. In addition, Head Start employees conducted over 109,000 home visits.

Early in my professional career, I worked as a Head Start teacher, a job which helped position me to better serve my vulnerable constituents here in this chamber. As I reflect on that experience, I am awed by the profound impact Head Start has had on our society, and I am proud to have played a role, both as a Head Start teacher and a Member of Congress in helping disrupt generational poverty.

The Head Start promise is simple: every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to reach their full potential. As we celebrate the 58th anniversary of this extraordinary program, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Head Start and its staff for their invaluable contributions over the past 57 years to building opportunities so that every child can thrive.

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL SELBY

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 17, 2023*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rear Admiral Lorin Selby, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to complete a naval career that began with his graduation from the University of Virginia in 1986 and concludes with his 3 years of service as the 26th Chief of Naval Research.

As the Chief of Naval Research, Rear Admiral Selby is responsible for the operations of the Naval Research Enterprise, which comprises approximately 5,000 people in 23 locations, and more than 1,000 partners. The dedication required of this mission is extraordinary, and our Nation has benefited from Rear Admiral Selby's steadfast leadership.

Over the course of his career, Rear Admiral Selby excelled as an undersea commander. He served as the commanding officer of the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS *Greenville* (SSN 772). Prior to command, he

served at sea aboard USS *Puffer* (SSN 652), USS *Pogy* (SSN 647) and USS *Connecticut* (SSN 22). During these assignments, Rear Admiral Selby conducted several deployments to the Western Pacific, Northern Pacific, Northern Atlantic and Arctic Oceans. Ashore, he served as a company officer and instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, the deputy director of the Navy's liaison office to the U.S. House of Representatives and as the Submarine Platforms and Strategic Programs branch head in the Submarine Warfare Directorate on the Navy Staff. Following selection as an acquisition professional, he served as the program manager for both the Submarine Imaging and Electronic Warfare Systems Program Office and the Advanced Undersea Systems Program Office.

As a flag officer, Rear Admiral Selby served as commander, Naval Surface Warfare Centers (NSWC) and as the Navy's chief engineer and the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) Deputy Commander for Ship Design, Integration and Naval Engineering (SEA 05). Rear Admiral Selby's contributions to the Navy, Marine Corps and Nation have been significant. The new 30-Year Naval Science & Technology strategy focuses on taking back our technological advantage to give our Warfighters the technology they need to win in a future conflict. He has provided the Naval Research Enterprise (NRE) with a blueprint for the future of our fleet and force.

Among his many achievements, Rear Admiral Selby led innovative and new experimentation collaboration exercises to get new technologies into the hands of our Sailors and Marines; pioneered new advances in laser weapons, including putting the most powerful laser on a ship in this nation's history; designed and initiated the SCOUT experimentation campaign to increase productivity and agility; furthered the Navy's capabilities in Artificial Intelligence; worked closely with international partners to bring increased knowledge and capabilities to our Sailors and Marines including awarding 158 new international research grants in 25 countries; advanced naval capabilities through execution of greater than 3,000 research grants and contracts in the United States valued in excess of \$12 Billion; sponsored 480 college and 180 high school interns, more than 1,000 Naval Horizons STEM essay contest awards, and the Annual RoboSub competition with 39 teams from 11 countries; designed an alloying modification to the Columbia Class SSBN propeller; supported brilliant work being done by hundreds of small businesses, including Small Business Innovation Research grants; and truly lived up to the motto he often reminded his team to follow: "Reimagine Naval Power."

Rear Admiral Selby has been instrumental in the development of both the Navy of today and of tomorrow. His selfless commitment to serving our Nation has better prepared it to respond to threats around the world. He leaves a legacy of service and dedication to the Navy. With our deepest gratitude, we wish him the very best in retirement after an impressive and impactful career.